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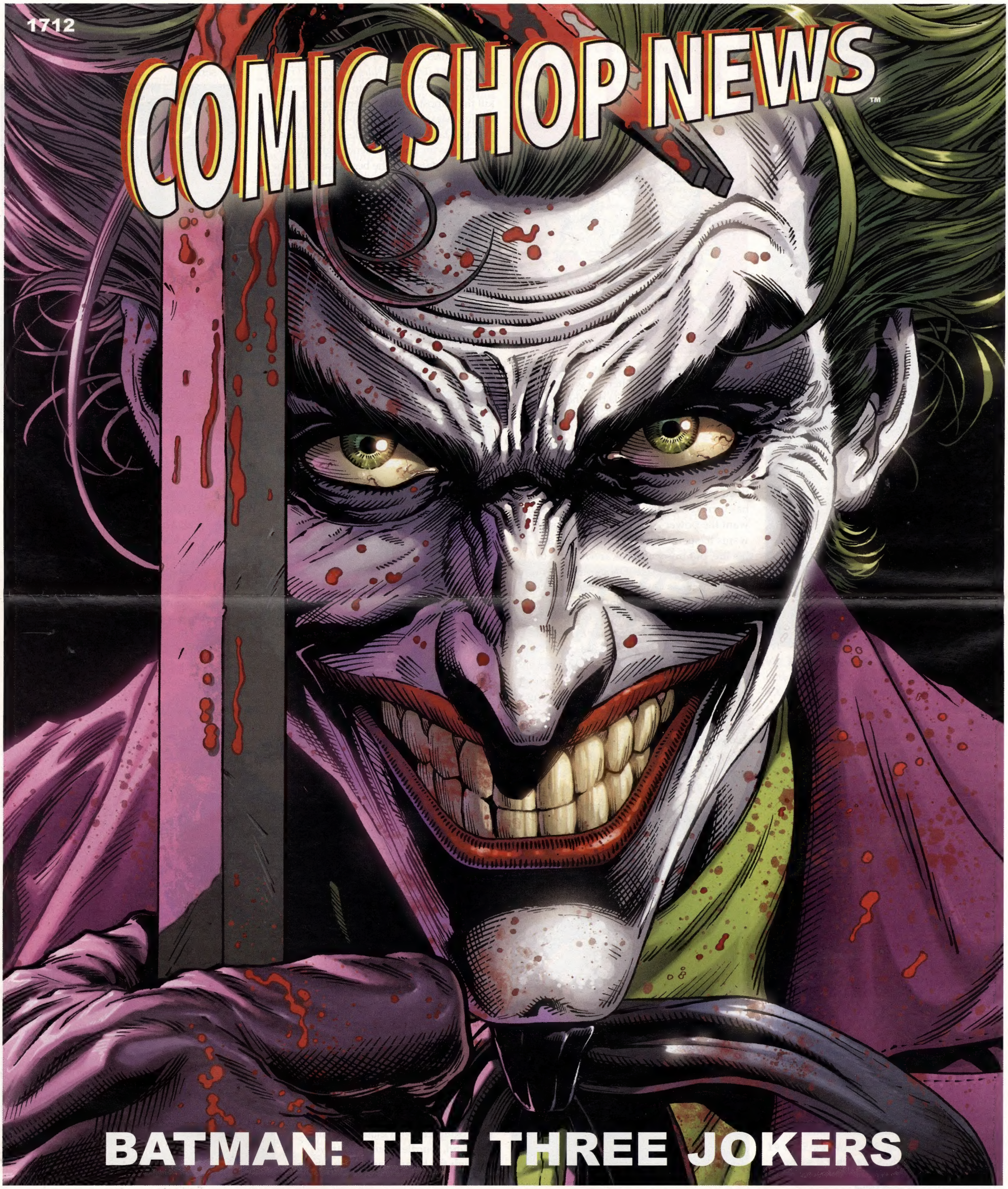


BATMAN: THE THREE JOKERS

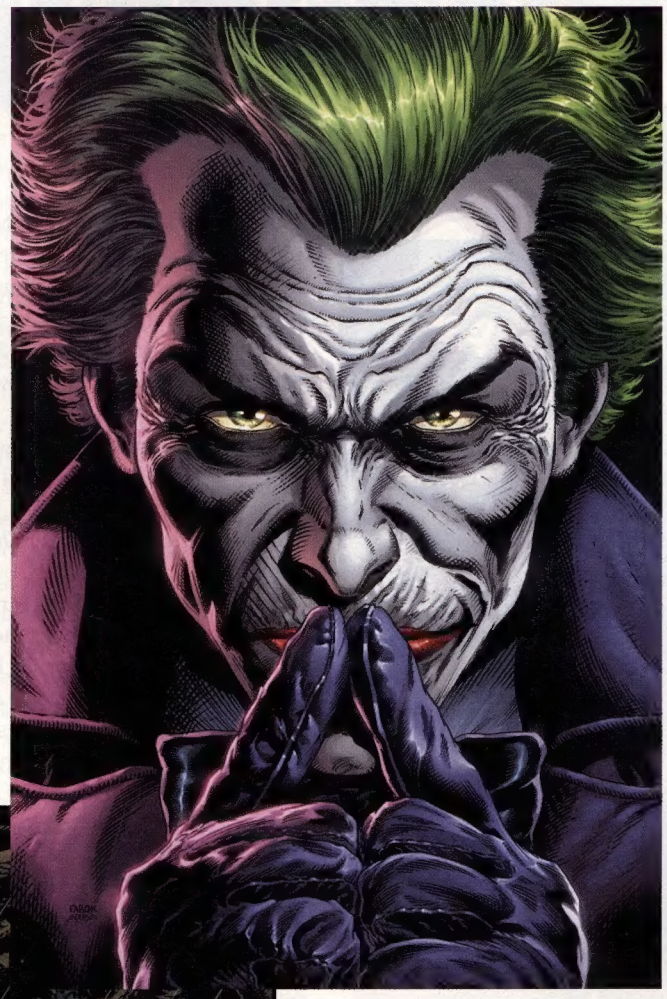
Three Jokers: Not Playing with a Full Deck

It's been almost three years since Batman first revealed that there were not one but *three* Jokers in the DC Universe (way back in the New 52–era ***Justice League #50,*** if you want to look it up). Ever since then, DC readers have eagerly awaited more information on this startling revelation.

Three Jokers + three years = three issues of ***The Three Jokers,*** starting this August and continuing monthly into the fall..

"Thirty years after ***The Killing Joke*** changed comics forever, ***Batman: Three Jokers*** re-examines the myth of who, or what, the Joker is and what is at the heart of his ongoing battle with Batman," DC said in a press release. "***New York Times*** bestselling writer *Geoff Johns* and Eisner award–winning artist *Jason Fabok* reunite to tell the ultimate story of Batman and the Joker! After years of anticipation, the epic story is finally here: Find out why there are three Jokers, and what that means for the decades-long battle between the Dark Knight and the Clown Prince of Crime..."

"The world doesn't need just another Batman-Joker story," Johns told *Christian Holub* in an interview for ew.com. "One of the reasons I've never done one before is because there are so many amazing ones, so I was only gonna do one if it was different and surprising and looked at the Joker and the meaning of the Joker and his effect on Batman and his family in a new way. We're not introducing a multiverse of



Jokers; we're not out to change these characters forever, but we *are* turning over some rocks about these characters and their relationships."

Just who are the three Jokers? That's a question that Batman wants answered just as much as we do, and the search for the truth is the focus of the three-issue series, which also prominently features Barbara Gordon (Batgirl) and Jason Todd (Red Hood)—both of whom suffered brutally at the hands of the Joker. Barbara was shot, nearly killed, and left paralyzed for years, leading her to abandon her Batgirl identity and become Oracle. Jason Todd was actually beaten to death by the Joker in ***A Death in the Family*** (but this is comics, so he's now alive and relatively well).

"Barbara and Jason have gone through so much, as has Bruce, and it's really focused on healing, on scars and wounds and what that does to somebody," Johns told ew.com. "If you suffer some trauma, you don't just get over it and move on with your life: It changes who you are. Sometimes it changes you for the better; sometimes it changes you for the worse. You can heal right, and you can heal wrong. That's really what the book's about: healing right, healing wrong, and surviving."

Artist *Jason Fabok* told ew.com that "we made a choice right from the beginning that we would base the look of our book on what *Brian [Bolland]* did in ***The Killing Joke,***" the *Alan Moore*–written tale that chronicles Barbara Gordon's near death at the Joker's hands," Fabok says. "Fans who have read ***The Killing Joke,*** you're gonna see some familiar panels; you're gonna see some familiar-looking things, like the Batcave. My thinking was almost: Okay, years have passed, so Batman has upgraded his Batcave from what he had originally in ***The Killing Joke,*** but the same bones are there. Even the Batmobile that I designed is loosely based on the Batmobile from ***The Killing Joke,*** where it's got one big fin and a face built into the front, with big wheels and everything. I consciously infused a lot of that *Brian Bolland,* even the way he would tell stories through his panels... I really want it to feel as though ***[Batman: The Three Jokers]*** could be a spiritual sequel, at least artistically."

After the delays that turned the 12-month ***Doomsday Clock*** into a two-year countdown, DC, Johns, and Fabok were determined not to let history repeat itself, so they agreed not to schedule ***The Three Jokers*** until all three issues were completed. This means that the book should appear right on schedule.

Watch history unfold on August 26th with the release of ***Batman: The Three Jokers #1,*** a 48-page prestige-format DC Black Label comic by *Geoff Johns, Jason Fabok,* and colorist *Brad Anderson.*

by Cliff Biggers

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COVID-19 and Comic Shops

This issue of ***Comic Shop News*** was slated to go to press on 3/23 and to arrive in stores in mid-April.

Then the COVID-19 crisis disrupted non-essential operations around the world—including comic shops, comics publishers, comic book printers, and comics distribution.

Last week's ***CSN #1711*** was already printed and in the distribution chain when the shutdown occurred. This issue was likewise in production and on its way to the printer.

Near-future publishing plans are "a work in progress" at press-time. We have adjusted dates of release for upcoming books based on the latest information available, but all of these dates are subject to change in the next few weeks. As more information becomes available, we will update release schedules and publishing info to reflect the changes.

In many locations around the world, comic shops are resuming operations—sometimes on a very limited scale, sometimes on something closer to normal. The truth is, though, things won't be totally normal for a while.

Where it is possible, retailers are rolling out a number of reader-supportive ways to get comics into the hands of their customers. Some comic shops are offering curbside service where you can call in with your list and the shop will pull it and meet you at your car so that you never have to enter the shop. Shops are offering to ship the books to their customers. Some are even offering local delivery.

Now, more than ever, comic shops need their customers' loyalty and support. Simply put, this industry cannot survive without the 2,000+ comic shops around the country and the world that make it possible for you to enjoy your favorite comics every week. They need *you*, the reader, to support them. If your shop offers preorder services, please use them to help your shop weather the storms ahead.

Anything you can do to help your friendly neighborhood comic shop survive this crisis will be appreciated. Comic shops need you—and the comics industry needs comic shops.

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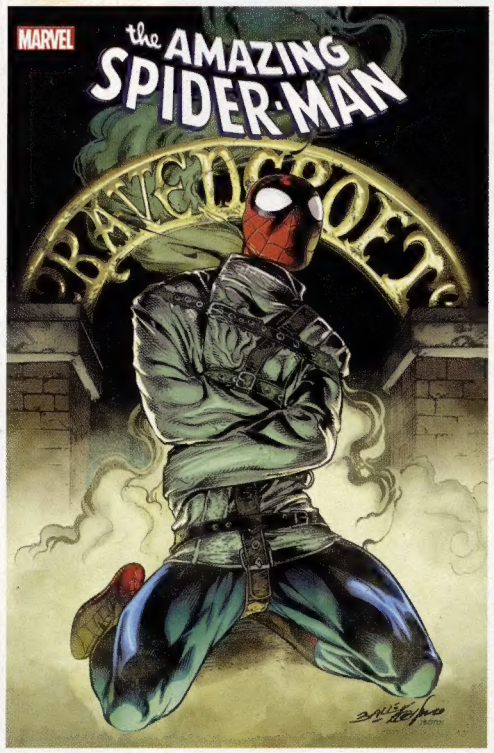


Coming Comics—Marvel in July

Spider-Man has been pushed harder than he has in a very long time and in ways he has never been before. How far can he be pushed before he breaks? Find out in ***Amazing Spider-Man #48*** (by *Nick Spencer & Mark Bagley,* the man who has illustrated more Spider-Man comics than any other artist!).

When the foundation of everything she believes is shaken, America Chavez will stand up and face the parts of herself she's been running from in ***America Chavez: Made in the USA #1*** (by *Kalinda Vazquez & Carlos Gomez).*

An empowered, godlike Moon Knight has just saved the world from fiery ruin. Now an army of mummies and moon priests begins to reshape the world in the image of ancient Egypt in ***Avengers #35*** (by *Jason Aaron & Javier Garron).* But where does that leave the Avengers?

Natasha Romanoff... bride? It's no surprise that she's looking sublime in white, but who's the lucky groom? Find out in ***Black Widow #3*** (by *Kelly Thompson & Elena Casagrande).*

Lily Hollister has been through a lot. Her dad was district attorney; she was engaged to Harry Osborn; she found her future father-in-law's Goblin stash and accidentally turned herself into Menace, sided with the Green Goblin and his Goblin Nation, and ended up with amnesia and a leased superhero identity, "Queen Cat." But she's turning over a new leaf. Queen Cat is a superhero, and every good superhero needs an archenemy. Her target? Felicia Hardy, the Black Cat. See what happens next in ***Black Cat #13*** (by *Jed Mackay & Nina Vakueva).*

In ***Black Panther #25*** (the final issue by *Ta-Nehisi Coates,* with art by *Daniel Acuna & Brian Stelfreeze),* T'Challa comes full circle, back to the home he left behind... and the crown he has never fully accepted.

Ancient knights from another galaxy are targeting Cable in ***Cable #4*** (by *Gerry Duggan & Phil Noto)*... and he's got no choice but to give them what they want!

Captain Marvel recruits some of her closest allies to unravel the mystery of the Universal Weapon—and the woman she's meant to accuse—in ***Captain Marvel #20*** (by

Kelly Thompson & Cory Smith). But is Carol splitting her power just when she'll need it most? And how is the united Kree/Skrull Empire going to react to three more human Accusers?

Who are the X-Men's sidekicks behind the masks? Find out in ***Children of the Atom #3*** (by *Vita Ayala & Bernard Chang).*

Ms Marvel, Spider-Man, Nova, and Ironheart race to stay one step ahead of CRADLE in ***Champions #3*** (by *Eve L. Ewing & Simone Di Meo),* but someone keeps leaking their location, and they're running out of places to hide.

Conan now possesses the Tooth of the Nightstar, a mighty weapon liberated from the Uttara Kuru leadership. But if he's not careful, the sword is about to possess him in ***Conan the Barbarian #17*** (by *Jim Zub & Roberto Gill).*

Still grappling with the blood on his hands, Matt Murdock makes one of the biggest choices of his life in ***Daredevil #22*** (by *Chip Zdarsky & Francesco Mobili).* But what effect will Matt's choices have on Daredevil?

For hundreds of years, scholars and heroes alike have searched for the complete text of the Darkhold—also known as the Book of the Damned, written by the elder god Chthon. In ***The Darkhold: Alpha #1*** (by *Steve Orlando & Cian Tormey),* one of the greatest sorcerers in the Multiverse has found it—and Chthon has found *him.* To save them all, the Scarlet Witch must gather the world's greatest heroes... and unleash their inner darkness.

After growing the Latverian empire through bloodshed, Doom turns his attention to the potential apocalypse that is the black hole in Earth's orbit in ***Doctor Doom #9*** (by *Christopher Cantwell & Salvador Larroca),* as he's the only brilliant scientific mind left that has any chance of preventing catastrophe. But in the wake of all he's been through, Victor grapples with a profound change of heart... one he dare not show his enemies, lest they see his weakness as opportunity!

Tensions mount as the action heats up in ***Empyre #4*** (by *Al Ewing, Dan Slott, & Valerio Schiti).* As the attack on Wakanda intensifies, the heroes find themselves under attack from their enemies—and their allies! In a war where nobody can be fully trusted, betrayal cuts deep—as the alien invasion claims its first casualty. Then, in ***Empyre #5,*** one fan-favorite Marvel hero reveals their secret—as another faces the ultimate showdown with a monstrous foe!

Earth's Mightiest Heroes are caught in a conflict against nature itself as the soul of the Savage Land hangs in the balance in ***Empyre: Avengers #3*** (by *Jim Zub & Carlos Magno),* guest-starring Ka-Zar, Shanna the She-Devil, and the macabre Man-Thing!

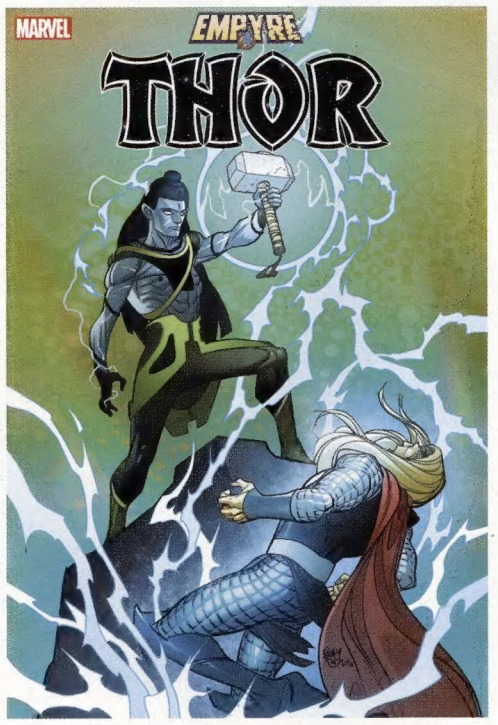
Captain America reaches out for aid in ***Empyre: Captain America #2*** (by *Phillip Kennedy Jonson & Ariel Olivetti)*... but is there anyone left to hear the call?

Alien weapons, psychic spirits, ancient magic—T'Challa prepared for war, but not even he could have foreseen the forces now brought to bear against his homeland in ***Empyre: The Invasion of Wakanda #2*** (by *Jim Zub & Lan Medina).* If the Great Vibranium Mound is lost to these invaders, our planet will follow...

In ***Empyre: Spider-Man #3*** (by *Taran Killam & Diego Olortegui),* Peter Parker must make a sacrifice that will change aspects of his relationship with his girlfriend, Mary Jane, but it may save *many* lives.

The Squadron Supreme discovers something that could turn the tide of the invasion in ***Empyre: Squadron Supreme #2*** (by *Mark Waid & Dio Neves).* But overwhelmed by the invaders, will the Squadron be able to battle their way out in time to make a difference?

In ***Empyre: Stormranger #2*** (by *Saladin Ahmed & Danilo S. Beyruth),* Stormranger finds herself trapped on a space pirate ship with an unlikely ally—the Guardian of the Galaxy known as Gamora!



Aliens are invading Midgard; longtime Asgardian ally and Agent of Wakanda Roz Solomon has gone missing, and Gaea, Thor's mother and guardian of the Earth, is dying in ***Empyre: Thor #2*** (by *Ram V & Pasqual Ferry).* Thor, the king of Asgard and the god of the storm, has one singular duty: save everyone. So who is this new god standing in his way—and what does he know about Thor's birthright?

Aliens. Plant-Men. Zombies. Demons. Explosions. It's all in ***Empyre: X-Men #s 3 & 4*** (by *Ed Brisson, Jonathan Hickman, Vita Ayala, Zeb Wells, &* others).

The Eternals Poster Book TP features poster-sized images of art by *Jack Kirby, John Romita Jr, Daniel Acuna,* and others.

With Rictor in his clutches, Apocalypse must survive long enough to begin the ritual he has waited on for eons in ***Excalibur #12*** (by *Tini Howard & Marcus To).*

The ultimate Omni-Wave Projector: built by Valeria Richards, powered Franklin Richards. In their hands, it could lay waste to the Empyre... but what if it fell into the hands of the Celestial Assassins? That's just what happens in ***Fantastic Four #23*** (by *Dan Slott & Sean Izaakse)*...

As Lilith's gambit against Johnny Blaze and Mephisto for the throne of Hell heats up, Michael Badilino rides again as Vengeance in ***Ghost Rider Annual #1*** (by *Howard Mackie, Ed Brisson, & Javier Saltares).*

Jonathan Hickman & Russell Dauterman take the X-Men's resident goddess to the far end of the world to save herself in ***Giant-Size X-Men: Storm #1.***

Gwen continues, against her father's wishes, to clear George Stacy's good name in ***Gwen Stacy #5*** (by *Christos Gage & Todd Nauck).*

Krakoa's resident rabble are up against the grand dame of the damned—the Goblin Queen, Madelyne Pryor—in ***Hellions #4*** (by *Zeb Wells & Stephen Segovia).*

When Bruce Banner first came to Shadow Base, he was cut up into pieces and stored in jars. Now Shadow Base is under his control in ***Immortal Hulk #37*** (by *Al Eewing & Joe Bennett).* But it turns out that Bruce Banner was the *second* test subject.

Iron Man confronts Quantum in ***Iron Man Annual #1*** (by *Jed Mackay & Ibraim Roberson),* while Captain America takes on Overtime in ***Captain America Annual #1*** (by *Gerry Duggan & Marco Castiello)*... and they both are a part of Infinite Destinies, an Infinity Stones–focused event.

Juggernaut isn't the only one who's left destruction in his wake, and in ***Juggernaut #2*** (by *Fabian Nicieza & Ron Garney),* he decides it's about time for the Immortal Hulk to take responsibility for his actions!

The swordsman has been resurrected in ***Lords of Empyre: Swordsman #1*** (by *Alex Paknadel & Thomas Nachlik).* But there are more secrets than what lies beyond the grave... Join Swordsman and his son, Quoi, as they embark on a journey of discovery.

Amulet returns—just in time for CRADLE and Dum Dum Dugan to crack down on the teen heroes of Jersey City in ***Magnificent Ms Marvel #16*** (by *Saladin Ahmed & Minkyu Jung).*

The Black King removed the Red Queen from the board, so what move will the White Queen make? Find out in ***Marauders #12*** (by *Gerry Duggan & Matteo Lolli).*

Marvel #4 features tales starring Doctor Strange by *Alex Ross & Steve Darnall,* the Deviants by *Daniel Acuna,* Doctor Doom by *Doug Rice & Hilary Barta,* and the Hulk and Wolverine by *Mark Waid & Lucio Parillo.*

There's an aftermath in Manhattan and a crisis in the nation of Siancong as things go from bad to worse in ***The Marvels #2*** (by *Kurt Busiek & Yildiray Cinar).* And amid all that, meet Kevin Schumer, an ordinary guy with some big secrets... and see more of the mysterious Threadneedle and the role he'll play in this building epic.

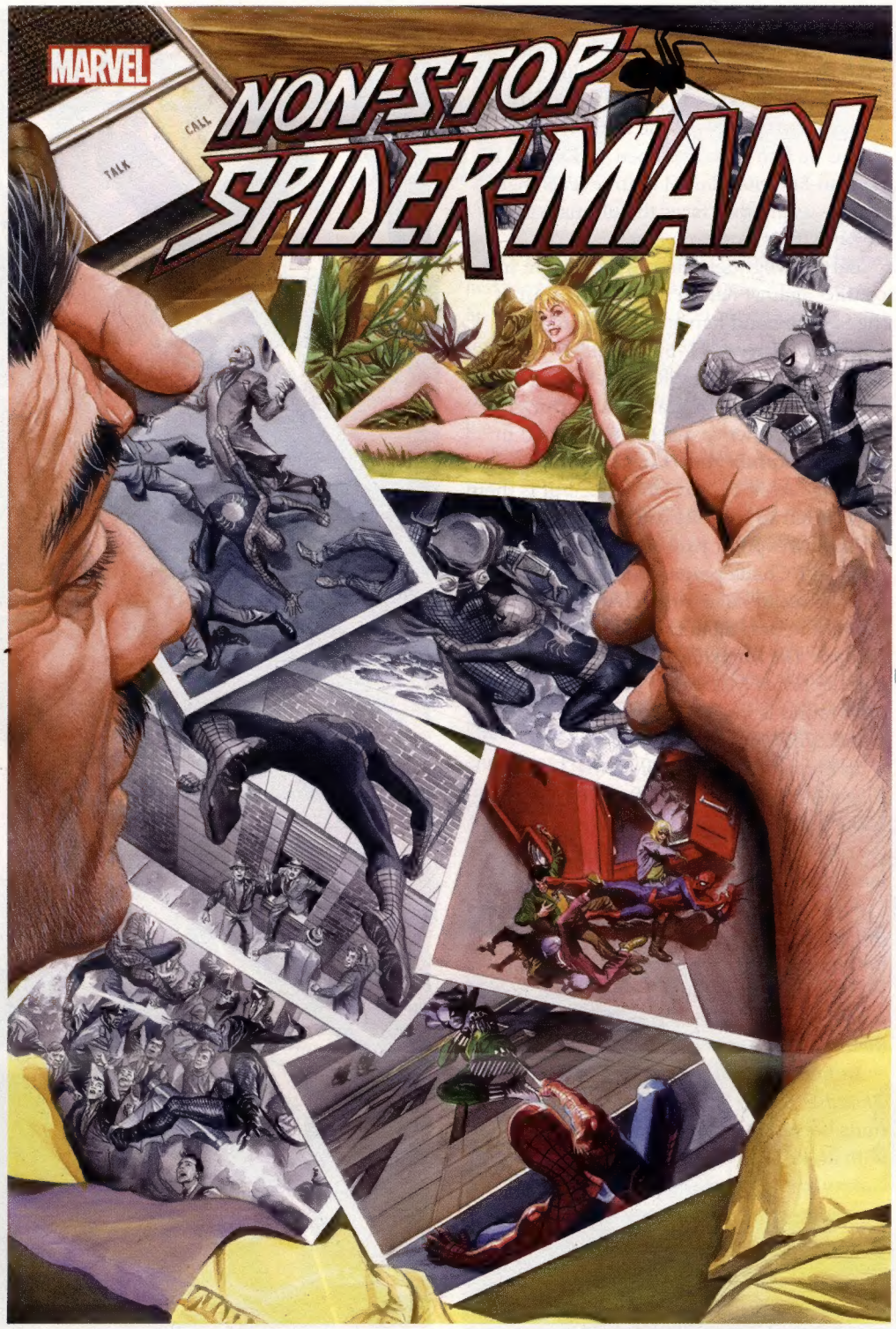
Marvels Snapshot offerings for June include ***Captain Marvel*** (by *Mark Waid & Colleen Doran)* and ***Civil War*** (by *Saladin Ahmed & Ryan Kelly).*

The war to tear down the Baxter Building continues in ***Marvels X #6*** (by *Alex Ross, Jim Krueger, & Well-Bee),* while those heroes left in New York seek a cure for whatever it is that has transformed everyone they ever loved into mutants.

Miles is already battling a man who shares his name in ***Miles Morales: Spider-Man #19*** (by *Saladin Ahmed & Carmen Carnero).* What does it mean when he finds someone with his face in his family living room?

The human world never seems to tire of lashing out at Krakoa. So see how the mutants strike back in ***New Mutants #12*** (by *Ed Brisson & Marco Failla).*

The New Warriors are at war with the Champions in ***New Warriors #3*** (by *Daniel Kibblesmith & Luciana Vecchio)*! Night Thrasher and his New Warriors picked a side: the side of the law! And that means shutting down teenage vigilantes... even if they're supposed to be friends.



A mystery at Empire State University thrusts Spider-Man into an adventure that starts in uptown Manhattan and will take him around the world, pitting him against Marvel Universe villains old and new and giving you a Spider-Man adventure (and Spider-Man) the likes of which you've never seen prior to the debut of ***Non-Stop Spider-Man #1*** (by *Joe Kelly & Chris Bachalo).*

The Power Pack are in over their heads as their powers are about to start misbehaving and shutting down just as Taskmaster enters the picture in ***Power Pack #3*** (by *Ryan North & Nico Leon).*

Wolverine and Pixie guest-star in ***Runaways #34*** (by *Rainbow Rowell & Andres Genoleet).* With the X-Men's opening of Krakoa, the island-nation that welcomes mutants in existence, will Molly go?

Conan leads a team of Savage Avengers against an Asgardian dragon in a quest for treasure in ***Savage Avengers #14*** (by *Gerry Duggan & Patch Zircher).*

An ancient and evil secret society has stayed in hiding since the death of its leader, Zheng Zhu. But now a successor has been chosen to shift the balance of power in the world... Zheng Zhu's son, Shang-Chi! Witness the Marvel Universe's greatest fighter return to a world of death and destruction he thought he left behind long ago in ***Shang-Chi #1*** (by *Gene Luen Yang, Dike Ruan, & Philip Tan),* and discover the secrets to Shang-Chi's past that will change his world forever.

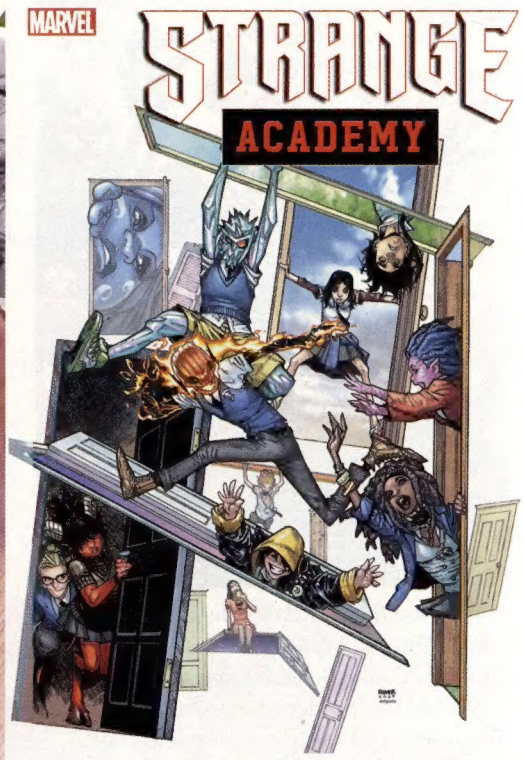
Spider-Woman finds herself in the last place on Earth she wants to be: Wundagore Mountain. What could possibly bring Jess back to the place that gave her powers? Find out in ***Spider-Woman #4*** (by *Karla Pachecko & Pere Perez).*

Why does Commander Ellian Zahra possess such hate for the Princess of Alderan? The truth is revealed in ***Star Wars #7*** (by *Charles Soule & Jesus Saiz).*

Darth Vader's search for revenge against those who hid his son Luke reaches a terrible climax at the tomb of Padmé Amidala in ***Star Wars: Darth Vader #5*** (by *Greg Pak & Raffaele Ienco).*

Only one man can stop Boba Fett from executing his long-sought vengeance in ***Star Wars: Bounty Hunters #5*** (by *Ethan Sacks & Paolo Villanelli).* But can Valance survive the battle of the two greatest bounty hunters of their age?

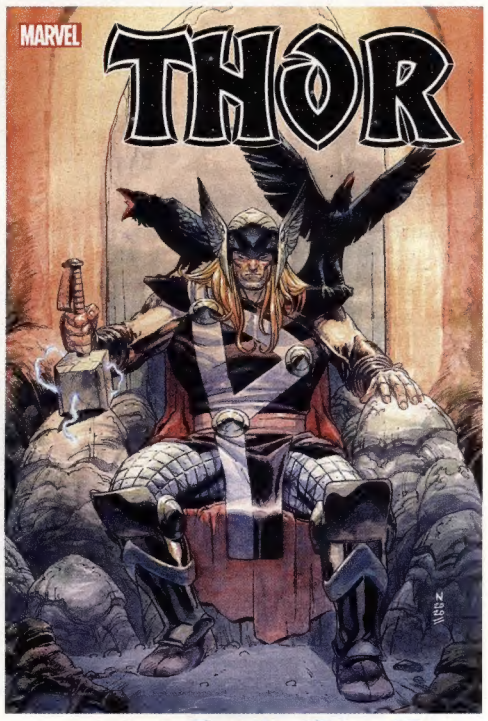
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker Adaptation #1 (by *Jody Houser & Will Sliney)* includes an unrevealed story that expands on the film.



Every door of Strange Academy holds a surprise—one takes you to Dr Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum, another to Weirdworld, another to Asgard; and some doors' destinations are unknown even to Strange himself. The students plan on stepping through every door in ***Strange Academy #4*** (by *Skottie Young & Humberto Ramos),* and at least one of the students will bear some significant consequences of their actions.

Taskmaster's journey to clear his name brings him to South Korea's national superhuman espionage agency in ***Taskmaster #3*** (by *Jed Mackay & Alessandro Vitti).* But before he can target Director Han, he'll have to go toe to toe with the White Fox!

Something is wrong with Mjolnir in ***Thor #7*** (by *Donny Cates & Aaron Kuder).* The



Golden City is in chaos after Galactus' ill-timed visit, and there are new threats on the horizon. Thor needs his hammer now more than ever... and yet the Uru grows heavier with every passing day. What will it take for the God of Thunder to hang on to one of the most powerful weapons in the Multiverse?

The Union must battle for their lives (and each other) as the Empyre Invasion crescendos in ***The Union #2*** (by *Paul Grist & Andrea Di Vito).* Thrust unto the global stage, will they be able to prove themselves as a team, or will they crumble as the world watches?

When a new and dangerous foe erupts into Eddie Brock's life, it threatens to rip away everything Eddie holds dear. His son, his symbiote, even himself—*everything* Eddie Brock loves is in jeopardy in ***Venom #27*** (by *Donny Cates & Juan Gedeon).*

Thanks to none other than Tony Stark, a new scientific research station for the teenage heroes of the Marvel Universe has just been completed—and Spider-Man just got an invitation to join in ***WEB of Spider-Man #1*** (by *Kevin Shinick & Roberto DiSalvo),* which introduces the Worldwide Engineering Brigade (WEB)!

Red Wolf and Werewolf by Night battle it out under an Arizona moon in ***Werewolf by Night #3*** (by *Taboo, Benjamin Jackendoff, & Scot Eaton).*

In ***Wolverine #5*** (by *Benjamin Percy & Viktor Bogdanovic),* Wolverine is the prisoner of Dracula. But by forming an unlikely alliance, Logan fights back.

Every streamer in the Mojoverse is desperate to get a little of the X-magic on their channel, but all X-Factor wants to do is figure out who murdered a Krakoan citizen in ***X-Factor #3*** (by *Leah Williams & David Baldeon).*

After taking on the Flower Cartel, Logan has brought back valuable intel to the mutant CIA. The non-treaty nation of Russia is working to undermine Krakoa—and may be aligned with Xeno. Beast wants Colossus on their side as the first drumbeats of war begin to sound in ***X-Force #12*** (by *Benjamin Percy & Bazaldua).*

X-Men #12 (by *Jonathan Hickman & Leinil Francis Yu)* is a don't-miss lead-in to ***X of Swords,*** this summer's big X-event.

Catch up on the revolutionary new era for the X-Men in ***X-Men: Dawn of X Saga #1,*** a oneshot by *Jess Harrold* that serves as a great introduction to Marvel's interlinked X-Universe.

Marvel Facsimile editions (which reprint original ads and feature pages) for June include:

- ***Amazing Spider-Man Annual #21,*** featuring the wedding of Mary Jane Watson and Spider-Man.
- ***X-Men #30,*** featuring the wedding of Jean Grey and Scott Summers.

Marvel's ***True Believers*** $1 reprints for June, which focus on the X-Men, include:

- ***True Believers: X-Men—Mister Sinister #1,*** reprinting ***Uncanny X-Men #221.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Wild Child #1,*** reprinting ***Alpha Flight #11*** and more.
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Nanny & Orphan Maker #1,*** reprinting ***X-Factor #35.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Empath #1,*** reprinting ***New Mutants (1983) #16.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Scalphunter #1,*** reprinting ***Uncanny X-Men (1981) #211.***

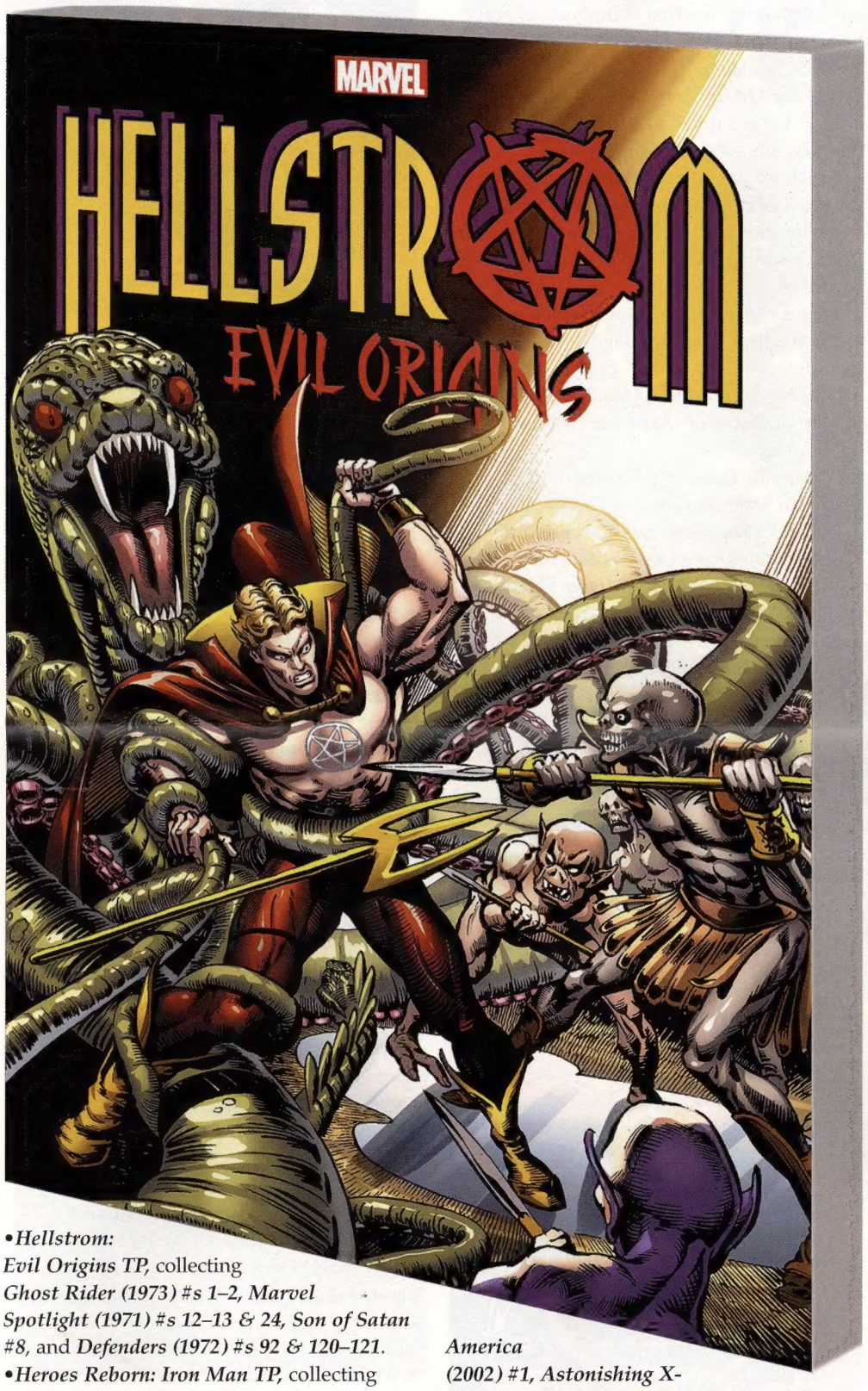
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Havok #1,*** reprinting ***X-Men (1963) #58.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Cypher #1,*** reprinting ***New Mutants (1983) #13.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—SoulSword #1,*** reprinting ***Uncanny X-Men (1981) #171.***
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Saturnyne #1,*** reprinting ***Marvel Super Heroes (1979) #s 380–383*** (Captain Britain stories).
- ***True Believers: X-Men—Magik #1,*** reprinting ***Magik (#1983) #1.***

Marvel collected editions (advance solicited for July, August, September, and October release) include:

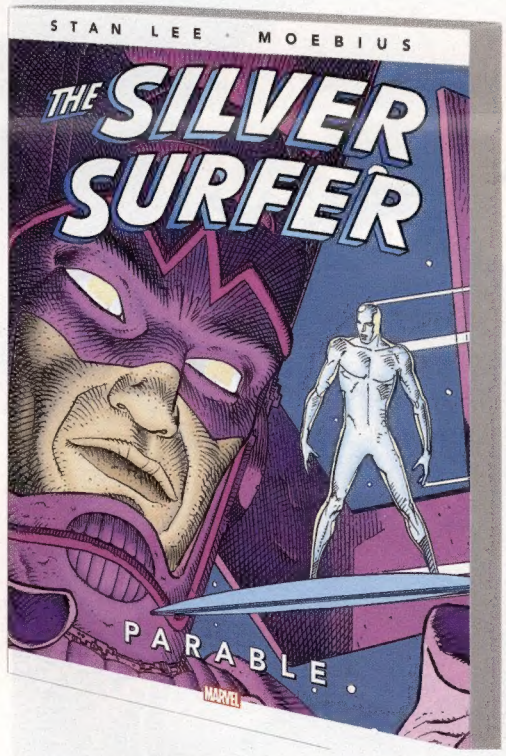
- ***Aero & Sword Master: Origins & Odysseys TP,*** collecting ***Aero #s 1–6*** and ***Sword Master #s 1–6.***
- ***Atlantis Attacks TP,*** collecting ***Atlantis Attacks #s 1–5.***

- ***Avengers of the Wastelands TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
- ***Black Cat Volume 2: On the Run TP,*** collecting ***Black Cat #s 6–10 & Annual #1.***
- ***Black Widow Epic Collection: The Coldest War TP,*** collecting ***Black Widow: The Coldest War, Punisher/Black Widow: Spinning Doomsday's Web, Daredevil/Black Widow: Abattoir, Fury/Black Widow: Death Duty, Journey into Mystery (1952) #s 517–519,*** and much more.
- ***Conan the Barbarian: The Original Marvel Years Omnibus Volume 5 HC,*** collecting ***Conan the Barbarian (1970) #s 116–149*** and more.
- ***Conan the Barbarian by Kurt Busiek Omnibus HC,*** collecting Dark Horse's ***Conan (2004) #s 1–28, 32, 39, & 45–46*** and more.
- ***Dawn of X: Nation Building Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Marauders #7, Excalibur #7, X-Force #7,*** and ***Wolverine #1.***
- ***Dawn of X: Nation Building Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Marauders #8, New Mutants #7, Giant-Size X-Men: Jean Grey & Emma Frost, X-Force #8, X-Men #7,*** and ***Excalibur #8.***
- ***Deadpool: Hey, It's Deadpool! Marvel Select HC,*** collecting ***New Mutants (1983) #98, Deadpool: The Circle Chase #s 1–4, Deadpool (1994) #s 1–4,*** and ***Deadpool (1997) #1.***
- ***The End TP,*** collecting ***The End*** issues of ***Captain America, Captain Marvel, Deadpool, Doctor Strange, Miles Morales,*** and ***Venom.***
- ***Eternals by Jack Kirby: The Complete Collection TP,*** collecting ***Eternals #s 1–19 & Annual #1.***
- ***The Eternals by Jack Kirby Monster-Size HC,*** a massive 13+"x21+" collection of ***Eternals #s 1–19 & Annual #1.***

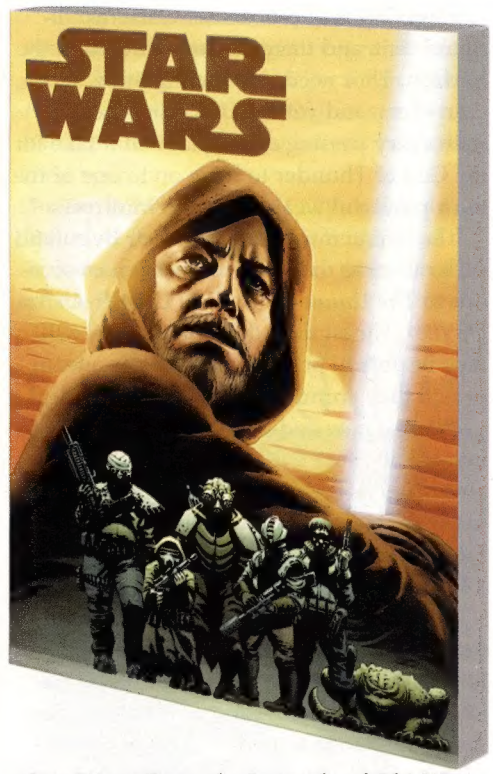
• ***Excalibur by Tini Howard Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Excalibur (2019) #s 7–11.***
• ***Excalibur Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Excalibur Special Edition (1988) #1, Excalibur (1988) #s 1–49, Excalibur: Mojo Mayhem (1989) #1,*** and ***Excalibur: Weird War III (1990).***
• ***Ghost Spider Volume 2: Party People TP,*** collecting ***Ghost Spider #s 6–10.***
• ***Hawkeye: Freefall TP,*** collecting ***Hawkeye: Freefall #s 1–6.***



• ***Hellstrom: Evil Origins TP,*** collecting ***Ghost Rider (1973) #s 1–2, Marvel Spotlight (1971) #s 12–13 & 24, Son of Satan #8,*** and ***Defenders (1972) #s 92 & 120–121.***
• ***Heroes Reborn: Iron Man TP,*** collecting ***Iron Man (1996) #s 1–12, Avengers (1996) #s 6 & 12, Fantastic Four (1996) #12, Captain America (1996) #s 6 & 12,*** and material from ***Heroes Reborn #1/2.***
• ***Immortal Hulk Volume 7: Hulk Is Hulk TP,*** collecting ***Immortal Hulk #s 31–35.***
• ***Incredible Hulk by Peter David Omnibus Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Incredible Hulk (1968) #s 369–400 & Annual #s 16–18*** and more.
• ***Infinity Crusade Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Infinity Crusade #s 1–6, Warlock Chronicles #s 1–5, Warlock and the Infinity Watch #s 18–22, Thor (1966) #s 463–467, Iron Man (1968) #s 294–295,*** and much, much more.
• ***Marauders by Gerry Duggan Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Marauders #s 7–11.***
• ***Marvel Comics: The World Outside Your Window TP,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man (1963) #97, Howard the Duck (1976) #8, Iron Man (1968) #128, New Mutants (1983) #45, Alpha Flight (1983) #106, Uncanny X-Men (1981) #303, Incredible Hulk (1968) #420, Amazing Spider-Man (1999) #36, Captain America (2002) #1, Astonishing X-Men (2004) #51, Ms Marvel (2015) #13, Champions (2016) #24,*** and more.
• ***Marvel Horror Lives Again Omnibus HC,*** collecting tales of Satana, Lilith, Blade, Wendigo, and more.
• ***Marvel Masterworks: Ghost Rider Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Ghost Rider (1973) #s 6–20, Marvel 2-In-One (1974) #8,*** and ***Daredevil (1964) #138.***
• ***Marvel Masterworks: Marvel 2-In-One Volume 5 HC,*** collecting ***Marvel 2-In-One #s 47–60 & Annual #1.***
• ***Marvel Monograph: The Art of Jim Cheung TP,*** a 112-page volume spotlighting some of Cheung's most remarkable artwork.
• ***Marvel Tales: Captain Britain #1*** collects ***Captain Britain (1976) #s 1 & 2, Marvel Team-Up (1972) #s 65–66,*** and ***Excalibur (1988) #1.***
• ***Marvel Zombies: Resurrection TP,*** collecting the four-issue series and the special prelude issue.
• ***Marvel's Spider-Man: The Black Cat Strikes TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
• ***Morbius: Preludes & Nightmares TP,*** collecting ***Morbius #s 1–5.***
• ***New Mutants Epic Collection: Cable TP,*** collecting ***New Mutants (1983) #s 86–94 & Annual #s 5–6, Summer Special #21,*** and more.
• ***Peter Porker, the Spectacular Spider-Ham—The Complete Collection Volume 2 TP,*** collecting 336 pages of Spider-Ham misaventures.
• ***Ravencroft TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
• ***Ruins of Ravencroft TP,*** collecting the ***Ruins of Ravencroft Carnage, Sabretooth,*** and ***Dracula*** oneshots.
• ***Shang-Chi: Earth's Mightiest Martial Artist TP,*** collecting ***X-Men (1991) #s 62–64, Heroes for Hire (1997) #s 18–19, Shadowland: Spider-Man, Secret Avengers (2010) #18,*** and ***Avengers (2012) #11.***
• ***Silver Surfer: Black Director's Cut #s 1 & 2,*** featuring *Tradd Moore's* pencil art and behind-the-scenes extras.



• ***Silver Surfer: Parable TP,*** a softcover edition of the classic *Stan Lee–Moebius* graphic novel.
• ***Spider-Man: Spider-Verse—Spider-Woman GN/TP,*** collecting ***Spider-Woman (1978) #s 1 & 20, What If? (1989) #105, Silk (2015a) #2,*** and ***Amazing Spider-Man: Renew Your Vows (2016) #13.***
• ***Spider-Man: Spider-Verse—Spider-Ham GN/TP,*** collecting ***Peter Porker, the Spectacular Spider-Ham #s 1 & 15; Spider-Man: Enter the Spider-Verse #1; Spider-Man Annual (2019) #1;*** and more.
• ***Star: Birth of a Dragon TP,*** collecting ***Star #s 1–5.***
• ***Star Wars Volume 1: The Destiny Path TP,*** collecting ***Star Wars (2020) #s 1–6.***



• ***Star Wars: From the Journals of Obi-Wan Kenobi TP,*** collecting ***Star Wars (2015) #s 7, 15, 20, & 26–30,*** and more.
• ***Thor by Donny Cates Volume 1: The Devourer King TP,*** collecting ***Thor (2020) #s 1–6.***
• ***The Uncanny X-Men Omnibus Volume 3 HC (New Printing),*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men (1981) #s 154–175, X-Men Annual (1970) #s 6–7, Marvel Graphic Novel #5, Wolverine (1982) #s 1–4, Special Edition X-Men #1,*** and ***Magik #s 1–4.***
• ***Winter Soldier by Ed Brubaker: The Complete Collection TP,*** collecting ***Fear Itself #7.1: Captain America*** and ***Winter Soldier (2012) #s 1–14.***
• ***X-Men Epic Collection: Proteus TP,*** collecting ***X-Men (1963) #s 11–128 & Annual #3*** and more.
• ***X-Men: God Loves, Man Kills Extended Cut Gallery Edition HC,*** collecting the recently expanded extended cut of the classic GN.
• ***X-Men Milestones: Age of X TP,*** collecting ***Age of X Alpha, X-Men Legacy (2008) #s 245–247, New Mutants (2009) #s 22–24,*** and ***Age of X: Universe #s 1–2.***

Coming Comics—Image in July

Her last name is Vasquez! Her first name... says it all! And when she is confronted with the hidden secret of the universe, you won't believe the cosmic truth she uncovers in ***All-America Comix #1*** (by *Joe Casey & Dustin Nguyen).*

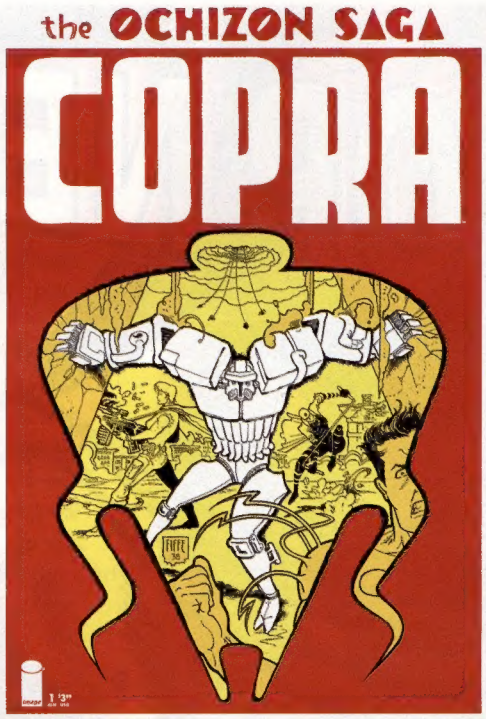
Alexia's father is the head of a superpowered corporate empire and one of the greatest superheroes of all time, and she desperately wants to take up his mantle. However, upon his sudden death, a woefully unprepared Alexia is confronted with a wealth of well-kept family secrets—including a villainous sister she never knew existed—in *David Lopez's* ***Blackhand & Ironhead Volume 1 HC.***

Rowan Black is a cop. Rowan Black is also a witch. Throughout her life, she has struggled to keep these things separate. Now, the walls are beginning to crumble, and Rowan—alienated from her friends, under investigation on the job, and stalked by mysterious forces who are literally hell-bent on using Rowan's power for their own benefit—is on the verge of crumbling with them. And if these combined forces don't manage to destroy Rowan—she might just destroy herself first in ***Black Magick #12*** (by *Greg Rucka & Nicola Scott).*

There's a drug called Bliss wiping away memories in Feral City. A good-hearted young man, overwhelmed by a deathly sick child and distraught wife, makes a deal to become the personal hitman to three gods, killing those in their way and sending memories down the river of Oblivion in exchange for his family's well-being in ***Bliss #1*** (by *Sean Lewis & Caitlin Yarsky).*

Tony Chu is a cibopath, able to get psychic impressions from what he eats. Saffron Chu is a cibopars, able to learn secrets from whom she eats with. Tony is a cop. Saffron is a criminal. They are brother and sister, and they are on a collision course in ***Chu #1,*** the kickoff of a new ***Chew*** family series by *John Layman & Dan Boultwood* that focuses on cops, crooks, cooks, and clairvoyants.

Michel Fiffe's ***Copra: The Ochizon Saga #1*** reveals that the world's not what it seems



anymore—carnage and chaos, tension and treachery, a landscape literally warped beyond comprehension. Is this the paradise that the superelite channeled from beyond? Copra is the only thing standing between angry gods and the nightmare fuel they want to douse us with.

The one who wields the fire power is destined to save the world, but Owen Johnson has turned his back on that life. He doesn't want the power—he never did. He only wants to spend time with his family and live his life, but unseen forces are at work to make that impossible. Danger lurks around every corner as Owen's past comes back to haunt him in ***Firepower by Kirkman & Samnee #1*** (by—as the name indicates—*Robert Kirkman & Chris Samnee).*

Sam and Jack are best friends, and Sam is dating Lauren, Jack's indie rocker sister and roommate. When Sam and Lauren open up their long-term relationship, skyrocketing tensions send social shockwaves through their friend group and the entire Bay Area in ***Getting It Together #1*** (by *Sina Grace, Omar Spahi, Jenny D. Fine, & Shaun Steven Struble).* And Jack, caught in the middle of it all, may be forced to take sides in a conflict he never

wanted to be a part of. Life gets pretty messy when you're in your 20s and your friends are your family.

Old allies become enemies in ***Kick-Ass vs Hit-Girl #1*** (by *Steve Niles & Marcelo Frusin)* when Mindy screeches into Albuquerque to kill the imposter who's been running gangs in New Mexico. And as Hit-Girl sets out to avenge Dave and stop Kick-Ass's criminal operations for good, Patience fights to survive as the target of the best assassin in the biz—and questions whether she could ever kill a child to save her own life.

Spring comes to the supernatural town of Blitheton, which can mean only one thing: It's time for the annual Mermaid Festival! Werewolf barista Julie meets one of her girlfriend Selena's friends, but as per usual, things take a turn for the worst in ***Moonstruck Volume 3: Troubled Water*** (by *Grace Ellis, Shae Beagle, & Claudia Aguirre).* Why does everything seem to go wrong for Julie and Selena? Is the universe conspiring against them, or is it something more sinister? More important, will their relationship survive once it starts taking on water?

Nathan Cole's world has changed. Nothing could have prepared him for what has happened, what he's had to do, and how it has affected him. Starting with ***Oblivion Song by Kirkman & De Felici #25*** (by *Robert Kirkman, Lorenzo De Felici, & Annalisa Leoni),* he embarks on a new journey with a full knowledge of Oblivion and what caused the Transference! The fate of the Earth rests in his capable hands! Also in this issue, a special origin story!

"Sexual Gary" gets his moment in the spotlight in ***Sex Criminals: Sexual Gary Special*** (by *Matt Fraction, Rachael Stott, & Enrica Eren Angliolini).*

Sonata 12 (by *David Hine, Brian Haberlin, & Geirrod Van Dyke)* features a standalone story of a hazardous journey to the East that Sonata made years ago—and the book will be offered in both a standard edition and a 3D edition, complete with glasses. In this beautiful, wordless oneshot, travel through the bizarre landscape where Sonata encountered strange new creatures and met the Lumani called Treen.

Image collected editions include:

- ***The Clock TP,*** collecting the four-issue limited series.

- ***Hardcore Volume 2: Reloaded TP,*** collecting ***Hardcore: Reloaded #s 1–5.***
- ***Heart Attack Volume 1: Against the Wall TP,*** collecting ***Heart Attack #s 1–6.***
- ***Image Giant-Sized Artist's Proof: Oblivion Song by Kirkman & De Felici #1,*** an 11"x17" black-and-white edition of the first issue.
- ***Killadelphia Volume 1: Sins of the Father TP,*** collecting ***Killadelphia #s 1–6.***
- ***LCD: Lowest Comic Denominator Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***LCD: Lowest Comic Denominator #s 0–3.***
- ***Lucy Claire: Redemption Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Lucy Claire: Redemption #s 1–5.***
- ***Middlewest Book Three TP,*** collecting ***Middlewest #s 13–18.***
- ***Olympia TP,*** collecting ***Olympia #s 1–5.***
- ***Undiscovered Country Volume 1: Destiny TP,*** collecting ***Undiscovered Country #s 1–6.***